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SUBJ: ECEVIT RESPONSE TO LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO

1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, IN A SPEECH IN ADANA OCTOBER 3, WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF DECISION LIFTING
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THE EMBARGO, IN PARTICULAR THE PROVISION CONCERNING OPIUM POPPY

CONSULTATIONS. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM
ECEVIT'S SPEECH (BASED ON TEXT PROVIDED BY RPP HEADQUARTERS)
FOLLOWS:

QUOTD ACCORDING TO WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM TODAY'S NEWS, THE AMERICAN CONGRESS' DECISION PERMITTING THE SHIPMENT OF OUR ARMS WHICH HAVE BEEN PAID FOR-- IN OTHER WORDS, COMPLYING WITH A SIMPLE REQUISITE OF COMMERCIAL ETHICS AND PRESENTING IT AS IF IT WERE DOING A FAVOR TO TURKEY--HAS BEEN TIED TO THE CONDITION OF SUBMISSION OF FAVORABLE REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS ON THE CONTROL OF THE OPIUM POPPY FARMING IN TURKEY. IN OTHER WORDS, AMERICA WILL NOT ONLY CONTROL WHERE THE ARMS WILL BE USED JUST BECAUSE IT IS SELLING ARMS TO TURKEY, BUT WILL ALSO CONTROL WHAT IS CULTIVATED IN TURKEY AND WHERE AND HOW IT IS CULTIVATED.

TURKEY CANNOT ACCEPT SUCH A THING. IN FACT, LAST YEAR WHEN WE DECIDED TO LIFT THE BAN ON OPIUM POPPY FARMING, AMERICA SAID: "YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER FIRST WITH US."

WE STATED THAT SUCH A THING WAS IMPOSSIBLE AND THAT AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY CANNOT NEGOTIATE WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE CULTIVATED ON ITS OWN SOIL. BUT, THE HONORABLE DEMIREL, WHO AT THAT TIME WAS GIVING US ADVICE IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY IN ORDER NOT TO ANTAGONIZE AMERICA, AND HONORABLE TURKES, THE SO-CALLED NATIONALIST, WHO WAS WARNING US THAT "THE SUBJECT OF OPIUM POPPY FARMING SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED WITH AMERICA," ARE BOTH IN THE GOVERNMENT NOW. WHAT IS UNDERSTOOD IS THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION, WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE TO TAKE SUCH A DECISION.

NOW WE ARE EXPECTING THE PRIME MINISTER TO COME OUT AND OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE THAT TURKEY CANNOT ACCEPT SUCH A DECISION WITH SUCH CONDITIONS. IF THE TURKISH GTVERNMENT IS GOING TO AGREE TO ACCOUNT TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS ON THE SUBJECT OF OPIUM POPPY FARMING IN TURKEY, THE NATION WILL ASK AN ACCOUNT FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

WE TOOK DECISIONS WHICH THE UN PRESENTED TO THE ENTIRE WORLD AS AN EXAMPLE IN REGARD TO PREVENTING THE USE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE OPIUM POPPY IN A MANNER CONTRARY TO HUMAN HEALTH. WE, AS A NATION, WILL ACCOUNT ONLY TO OUR OWN CONSCIENCE FOR THE DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN APPLIED. WE WILL NOT ACCOUNT TO THE CONGRESSES AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER STATES. UNQUOTE BERGUS

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